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Dear Sirs/Madam

Please find the attached letter concerning the above

Kind regards

Fiona Bashford

14th August 2021



Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Plan - proposed developments in Thrussington – HA67 and HA68

I have recently become aware of the Charnwood Borough Council Draft Local Plan. As I understand it the proposal is to build 90 new houses in the above areas.

I wish to raise several objections to this plan, as follows:

Local consultation

A great deal of work was put into the development of a **10-year** neighbourhood plan for Thrussington by the Parish Council and with the full support of Villagers and the Borough Council. This effort was wasted. What is the point of developing a neighbourhood plan if it is to be completely disregarded three years later? I also want to raise an objection to the online form on the Charnwood website for comments. It is impossible to fill in, for example, it asks whether my objection is based on legality. I am not a lawyer; how can I comment on this? It also asks to state whether my issue is with a paragraph or the policy – my issue is with a part of the plan. Which box would you suggest I tick? Please review the accessibility for the general public to raise an objection via the website, it's almost as if it has been made deliberately difficult.

Infrastructure and sustainability

We already struggle with traffic and parking in the village, Old Gate Road is single track with potentially unsafe junctions at both ends. Hoby Road has no pavement in the area being considered, and is also narrow. Those wishing to access routes to Melton Mowbray travel either via Hoby or Brooksby. In both cases the road is either single track or narrows to single track in places. Our village school is in Hoby Road, with increased traffic this is a real safety concern in terms of road safety. An additional 90 houses would mean at least an extra 180 cars, probably more, and that does not consider all the delivery and other vehicles servicing them. There is no bus service in Thrussington. The nearest Doctors Surgery is Syston and the nearest realistic food shop is also Syston as the one in East Goscote is very basic. To access any of these services, a car is required. Even the nearest Pharmacy is in East Goscote, a 45minute walk if the pace is brisk!

Environment

The village is regularly flooded, and due to a high water table because of the proximity to the River Wreake, I don't believe a sustainable drainage system will mitigate the impact of the additional houses. The plan is advocating a near doubling of the size of the village, a village with no services apart from the School, congested infrastructure and with a character and environment corridors which will be destroyed.

I am not against sustainable development, but that is not what the proposal is. I understand Thrussington was added to the plan at the last minute, with no assessments carried out or consultation with the Parish Council, our representatives. I therefore believe the proposal for developments on the sites of HA67 and HA68 is unsound and urge that my objections are considered.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Bashford